The following reports on activities for the period shown:

**Current Situation**
- Lake County Current Risk Alert Level: Level 2 Orange
- Cumulative daily count: cases – 823; hospitalizations – 104; deaths – 25 (current status. Definitive cause of death can take weeks to determine.)

**Health District Updates**
- **SCAM ALERT**: A local facility has reported that someone called posing as the Lake County General Health District and ordered that the agency shut down. If you receive a call from the Health District asking you to shut down, please ask for the name of the individual, note the telephone number, and call 440-251-9798.
- LCGHD operates the Lake County COVID-19 hotline (440-350-2188) and covid19@lcghd.org email inbox, and performs seven day per week contact tracing activities.
- LCGHD has received 1,709 complaints to date, with 98 complaints being received within the operational period. The majority of complaint calls received during the operational period involved individuals/businesses not wearing masks, lack of/improper sanitizing, and social distancing.
- LCGHD collaborated with Lake County Emergency Management Agency to receive a limited amount of infrared forehead thermometers.
- LCGHD did an interview with News 5 Cleveland.
- LCGHD attended the Lake County Mayors and City Managers meeting.
- LCGHD met with its Medical Director to discuss guidance for schools and daycares.
- LCGHD met with the Lake County Commissioners, Lake County Sheriff’s Office, and Lake Health to review the current risk alert level.
- LCGHD met with its Board of Health to discuss a masking resolution. The resolution was tabled pending future actions from the Governor.

Governor DeWine’s address on July 15, 2020 and press conference on July 16, 2020 discussed the following:
- Ohio has reached the most critical point in the battle against COVID-19.
  - If we don’t take immediate action to slow this virus down, the tragedies we’re seeing in Florida, Texas, Arizona, and California may be Ohio’s reality in just a matter of weeks.
- Ohio’s unemployment rate is coming down.
  - In April, the revised rate was 17.6%.
  - In May, the rate dropped to 13.7%.
  - For 10 straight weeks, applications for continued unemployment benefits have declined.

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- We must keep the virus in check so that we can rebuild consumer confidence and keep positive economic momentum going.
- In four months, we have already lost 3,075 Ohioans to COVID-19 – nearly the same number of Ohioans who died in the Vietnam War.
- Our hospitals are seeing more and more COVID-19 patients.
  - There were 1,027 Ohioans in hospitals suffering from COVID-19 on July 15, 2020: 316 are in intensive care, and 146 are on a ventilator.
- Many who have recovered now suffer from long-term, and in some cases permanent health consequences, such as lung damage, kidney damage, and other significant medical problems.
- Ohio is now nearing our April and May peak of 1,200 hospital patients, with the Cincinnati and Dayton regions currently seeing more COVID-19 positive patients in the hospital than during any previous time during the pandemic.
  - The Cleveland region is nearing a similar point.
- At the beginning of the pandemic, it took Ohio 20 days to reach our first 1,500 total cases.
  - Last week we saw over 1,500 cases in a single day.
  - Just a month ago, we were at only 400 new cases per day.
- Some say our case numbers are increasing because we are simply doing more testing.
  - Our testing has increased by 87%, but our number of positive cases has skyrocketed by almost 200% - clearly, our number of new cases is not just the result of increased testing.
- Compare Ohio to other states: On June 9, Florida had 1,200 cases per day – about the same number of cases that we had in Ohio yesterday.
  - This past Sunday, just one month later, Florida topped the nation with 15,300 new cases in one single day.
- A month ago, Arizona was also at 1,200 new cases per day.
  - As of Sunday, Arizona was at 3,400 new cases per day.
  - Arizona averaged almost 18 new cases per 100,000 residents per day last month.
  - That has increased more than 2.5 times as of yesterday.
- If Ohio does not change course, Florida and Arizona will be our future.
- Governor DeWine is asking all Ohioans, no matter where they live or the public health risk alert level of the area, to wear a mask in public.
  - There is broad consensus in the medical, health, and business communities that masks are critical.
- Wearing masks is our best way to protect Ohio jobs.
  - A recent Goldman Sachs report shows that wearing face masks can be viewed as an alternative to lockdowns.
    - The report found that, in most cases, within a couple of weeks of people consistently wearing facemasks, there was a slowdown in the spread of the virus.
    - Further, the study suggests that to curb the spread as successfully as wearing masks does, a lockdown that essentially would subtract 5% of the country’s Gross Domestic Product would need to be considered.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and testing shortages were part of the rationale for the initial shutdown.
  - A $20 million grant in funding through the Ohio Development Services Agency to help Ohio manufacturers produce PPE was announced.
Small and medium-sized manufacturers will receive up to $500,000 to retool or expand existing facilities in Ohio, construct new facilities, purchase equipment, or upgrade technology.
- The projects are expected to create 829 new jobs and retain 1,133 existing jobs. More than half of the awards are going to small businesses with less than 25 employees.
- To date, Ohio has procured approximately 65 million pieces of PPE. This includes various types of face masks and shields, gloves, gowns, coveralls, and thermometers. More than 50 million pieces of PPE have been distributed across the state.

- Next week, in an effort to help Ohio’s small businesses and their workers operate in a safe environment, JobsOhio and its six Network Partners will distribute 15,000 PPE toolkits for a total of 1.5 million 3-ply masks, 150,000 KN95 masks, and 15,000 bottles of hand sanitizer.

- The Public Health Alert System is not a grade.
  - It is an early warning system that has seven different metrics, so that a community may take appropriate measures to reduce the spread of disease.
  - Measures include social distancing, handwashing, cleaning high-touch surfaces, and wearing masks.
    - Surgeons and their teams have worn masks in operating rooms for over 100 years to prevent wound infections and other complications caused by germs originating from the team.
    - A mask can protect the person who wears it, as well as others.
  - A total of 19 counties are currently classified as Red Alert Level III.
  - As of July 17, nearly 60% of Ohio is under a mask order, and required to wear masks in public.

### Additional Information

- [What’s New on the CDC Website](#)
- [COVID-19 Posters and Signs](#)
- [Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance](#)
- [Director’s Order to Extend the Expiration Date of Second Amended Order that Provides Guidance for Contact Sport Practices and Non-Contact Sports Competitions, and Contact Competitions, with Exceptions](#)
- [The Emergency Adoption Rule of 5160-1-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code by the Ohio Department of Medicaid and the Emergency Amendment of Rule 5122-29-31 of the Ohio Administrative Code by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services](#)
- [Addendum to Director’s Order for Facial Coverings in Counties in Level 3 Public Health Advisory](#)

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